

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following new text at page 1, line 2:

"CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION:"

B₁ --The present application is a divisional of United States Application No. 09/287,951, filed on April 7, 1999, now United States Patent No. 6,166,081, issued on December 26, 2000, which is a continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/IL97/00327, filed October 9, 1997, the contents of which are herein incorporated by reference--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

B₂ 13. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 12 comprising a regulating valve for controlling flow of said fluid from said storage compartment to said dermal patch.

A marked-up version of claim 13, as amended, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

REMARKS

The March 26, 2002 Office Action has been reviewed and its contents carefully noted. Reconsideration of this case as amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 10-13 are currently pending and under examination. Claims 14-20 have been withdrawn from consideration. By this amendment, applicants have amended the dependency of claim 13 and amended the specification to include the priority information for the instant application. Accordingly, upon entry of this amendment, claims 10-13, as amended, will be pending and under examination.

Accordingly, applicants maintain that the above-referenced amendments contain no new information and respectfully request that this Amendment be entered.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Objection to Claim 13

On page 3 of the March 26, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 13 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) for allegedly being in improper form. In an attempt to advance the prosecution